

# Community News

Reynolds Research Center Summer Youth Hire Program a success



"Their Faces Tell It All!"

A smiling Mr. Rayfield Reynolds at his home in Mulberry Heights is referring to his two large photographs of 90 young people who participated in the Reynolds' Job Research and Development Center's Summer Youth Employment Program, Workshop 2000, this summer.

"Let me say now and unequivocally that Silver Square Masonic

Lodge Number 81 contributed mightily to our success," said Reynolds. "They donated space, mopped, dusted, sanded, painted, and then asked what else they could do."

The program emphasis was changed from four weeks to one because of budget constraints, but the young people leaned a lot. They learned about wood works in

Elba and the role wood played in Elba's history during World War II. The Mulberry youth also learned about the lumber industry and its connection with bird migration, the food chain, and Forestry regulations on the lives of these creatures.

Mr. Reynolds, at 87, expects to continue this effort well into the new millennium.

## VOTE FOR & ELECT GAPPA WISE

ELBA CITY  
COUNCILMAN  
District 2

I will work to  
make Elba  
a better place  
for each of us  
to live and a  
better place  
for each of us  
to raise and  
enjoy  
our families.



Pd Pol Adv by Gappa Wise, P O Box 469, Elba, AL 36323

### Coffee County Schools Menu Aug. 21 - 25, 2000

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Donuts w/ Glaze, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Chicken Filet Sandwich, Fish Nuggets, Steamed Broccoli, Apple Crisp, Fruit Corn, Hushpuppies, Milk
Tuesday - Sausage Gravy, Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Pepperoni Pizza, Tuna Salad, French Fries, Milk, Butterbeans, Fruit, Ice Cream Cup, Milk
Wednesday - Cinnamon Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chicken Pot Pie, Burrito, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Bread Slice, Milk
Thursday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Fish Sandwich, Beef & Cheese Machos, Blackeyed Peas, Whole Potatoes, Fruit Crackers, Milk
Friday - Biscuit, Ham, Jelly or Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Roast Beef Sandwich, Chicken Nuggets, English Peas, Okra, Fruit, Rolls, Rice, Milk

Elba Chamber of Commerce plans annual banquet for Thursday, Sept. 28

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual banquet on the evening of Sept. 28. The Elba High School commons area will be the site of the banquet, and it is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

This year's banquet will feature awards ceremony for those businesses and individuals that have gone the extra mile to make Elba great. The business of the chamber, member of the year and volunteer of the year are a few of the awards that will be given at the ceremony.

Also during the banquet, the chamber will present a video fea-

turing three businesses that demonstrate the work ethic that the chamber tries to encourage and support.

One highlight of the banquet this year will be the door prizes that will be given away. Prizes will include an electric grill, a weekend getaway at Orange Beach, Ala., and other prizes. However, the winner must be present to be awarded the prize.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to mark the calendar now and plan to attend this year's banquet. Dress for the event is casual.

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## GIVE HONOR TO WHOM HONORS DO

We the family of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Abundant Life would like to take this time to make known to all men and women that August 17th was declared by the mayor of the City of Elba to be **Bishop Mar Hirron Ignatius Williams Day** in the City of Elba.

On this day three years ago he was the first African American to be consecrated as a Bishop in full vestment in the State of Alabama....

So in tribute to Bishop Hirron Williams:

## In Tribute.....Bishop Hirron Williams

And who do men say that you are? Some call you "The bishop." Others relate to you as "The Prophet." And many have even titled you "A Radical Preacher." But who do we say that you are? You are the Bishop and Father of this house; the one the God has obviously chosen to carry the genetic imprint and characteristics of A New Breed. One who has indelibly imprinted within our spirits and minds Kingdom principles, that will forever change the course of our destinies. Your teachings have liberated the captives. Rescued the perishing. Provided an oasis for those in desert place. And renewed solidarity, and singleness of vision among us as a people. Our spirits continually reverebrate your precepts and examples that have been so vividly demonstrated within our midst. You've taught us to soar, to excel. To elevate our minds...think the unthinkable...dream the impossible...To redefine our boundaries and challenge every obstacle! The sacrifices of your family, Pastor Linda and your children, are greatly appreciated. They have counted the cost. And yet persist in unselfishly sharing you with the rest of the world. To the Williams' family - We Thank You! And to those who are of The Constitution of The New Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries. The command in Christ, and the Captain of New Abundant Life Ministries, Inc. has announced that we are now moving at warp speed! We are pioneering new frontiers, and navigating a previously uncharted course! With precision we must execute his directives. There is no room for lethargy, slumber or sleep. In rank, file and order, we must assume our places. Embrace the vision, and seize the moment.

From,  
The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at New Abundant Life Family

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At Elba High  
School

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# The Elba Clipper

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VOTES CAST IN ELBA, NEW BROCKTON & KINSTON

Municipal voters choose 2000-2004 leaders

by Marvin McLain, Editor

Voters in local municipalities went to the polls Tuesday and chose the individuals that will lead the towns and cities into the 21st Century.

The voter turnout in Elba's municipal election was extremely light Tuesday and the weather certainly was not a factor; it was a beautiful day in the neighborhood! There were 948 total votes cast which is 34 percent of the 2,749 registered voters in Elba.

Incumbent Mayor James Grimes was returned to office receiving 77 percent to 23 percent of the votes cast in the mayoral race over his opponent, Larry Gilbert.

There will definitely be some new faces on the council with all five districts having individuals vying for a seat on the council. Districts 1 & 2 will both have new representation. A field of five ran for the District 1 seat with the present councilman, Wenzell Gray choosing not to seek re-election. There will be a run-off between L.M. Burch and Tom G. Hooks who were the two top vote getters. The District 2 seat will be occupied by newcomer David Bandstra, who just polled his opponent by just 16 votes.

Voters in Districts 3, 4 & 5 will have to return to the polls since no one candidate received a majority of the votes cast. The two top vote getters in the respective districts are: District 3: all three candidates - Harold Bannin, H.H. Culver and Earl McCollough - will again appear on the ballot since there was a tie for second place between Bannin and McCollough. Culver led the pack with 73 votes; District 4: Ben Carpenter and Harold Spicer and District 5: Ron

Seay, Helen Smith was unopposed in the District 4 race.

The results in the Elba, New Brockton and Kinston mayoral and council races were as follows:

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Larry Gilbert ..... 215

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L.M. Burch ..... 52  
Tom G. Hooks ..... 44  
Jackie Farmer ..... 23  
Walter Hardwick ..... 65

District 2: Ben Carpenter ..... 156  
Harold Spicer ..... 143

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H. H. Junior Culver ..... 78  
Earl McCollough ..... 52

District 4: Ben Carpenter (D) ..... 35  
Harold Spicer ..... 73  
Lamar Hall ..... 22  
Maxwell Davis ..... 18

District 5: Kenneth D. Seay ..... 91  
Christopher E. Free ..... 99

District 6: Priscilla R. Hall (D) ..... 106  
Tina White ..... 84

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

By the time you are reading this, the municipal election votes will have been counted. As always in a voting situation there will be someone with the highest number of votes, commonly referred to as "the winner." There will also be someone who doesn't get the highest number votes, but we defy you to call them the losers! Those who take part in deciding our government leaders are all winners, including those who sacrifice as candidates and us grunts who simply exercise our American rights and vote on election day, yet all to often when celebrating the election results, we forget to thank the other candidates. They are the ones who made an election out of things and played a part in preserving our form of government by allowing the names to be on the ballot. Untold thousands have taken this step throughout the history of the United States and we owe them all a salute and a great big thanks!

In spite of what appears to be a battle royal in the Enterprise mayoral election, or the massive effort to unseat the incumbent mayor in Selma, an incident up in the "Valley," along the Georgia line takes a prize. A candidate for mayor spoke at a public forum and openly charged an opponent, not of lying or stealing but murder! Candidate #1 openly charged candidate #2 with the killing of #1's wife. He then added something like, "if he says I am lying, then go to court on the case." Thankfully Elba folks don't have such a fact to consider when deciding on how to vote on any of our races.

A couple of weeks ago we wrote that John F. Kennedy was the first Catholic to run for president. Actually he was the first Catholic to be elected president. One of our faithful readers noted that a lot of Southern people who lived through the 1929 depression lived to regret that they had helped elect Republican Hubert Hoover because the Democrats had nominated Al Smith . . . a Catholic.

We have that darling granddaughter (and her mother) with us for several days this week. Sunday morning while sipping that second cup of coffee and anticipating the pending visit, we picked up a packet of photographs of her. One was of granddaddy sitting in his recliner, but leaning forward playing with Sarah on the floor in her baby seat. Now the snapshot was a side view, but you can know with absolute confidence that we could see that little two month old girl displaying a big smile . . . especially for her granddaddy! That just made the anticipation of the pending visit more exciting.

The disastrous sinking of the Russian sub this past week gripped the headlines of the TV and the newspapers . . . taking out some of the boring presidential race chatter. Not one of the political parties, and their doings, leaves us excited a single iota. Trying to find a reason for this apathy sends the thinking back to the days of radio when as a teenager we would sit by our old floor model radio until two in the morning as one or the other of the parties went about the selection of their respective presidential candidate. Now the presidential election is decided long before convention time and maybe the dullness is just disappointment that there is no suspense left in the system.

Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor announced Tuesday that he and 23 other states have reached a settlement with Publisher's Clearing House (PCH) over their sweepstakes mailings. A part of that settlement is that people who buy \$1,000 or more of subscriptions a year from PCH will get special letters assuring them the subscriptions are not necessary to win. If that is happening, more than a letter is needed. Those folks need an eyeball to eyeball talk from someone who can help them get their act together! Our personal magazine subscriptions and our business magazine subscriptions . . . all added with Heddy's personal magazine subscriptions are entirely too high, but in no way would they begin to approach even half that amount! In this case, only those who have spent over \$2,500 annually will get that personal visit and questions to assure they understand what is going on in the subscription world. This is not critical of the settlement, . . . boy, we are thankful someone is around and willing to take care of those of us who get tangled up in such doings.

A good friend of ours died recently. Bob Bryan, who for years published the Cullman Times, as well as several other newspapers, was a well known and well respected man, both inside the newspaper field and outside the newspaper field. Bob was a native of right over yonder in Dozier and never forgot his upbringing. Never once did we see him at a meeting or talk with him on the telephone when he did not ask at least one question about someone or something in this area from his past. Another event he liked to talk about was the 1929 Elba flood. He was a very young person at the time, but still remembers coming over and seeing the frightening sea of muddy water and the desperate folks who had lost everything they owned. Several times in a group of folks who didn't know about the flood he would call the name of one particular family and tell about them sleeping for months on mattresses made of corn shucks. That made an impression on that young man that he never forgot. Bob Bryan was a class act, we will miss him and the bit of security that goes with knowing that someone out there is thinking about you and genuinely cares about your well being.

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Students' Drug Addiction: Tobacco vs Marijuana  
by John Duff

I explain to my students that while people who smoke marijuana usually smoke less often than those that smoke tobacco, they smoke marijuana much deeper and hold the smoke much longer and harder in their lungs than tobacco smokers do. Marijuana is sometimes smoked with bongs or water pipes to get larger amounts into the lungs which causes irritation, coughing, hacking along with reddening of the face and watering of the eyes. So I tell my students that the long-term health risks to smoking marijuana may well be as great as those found with tobacco smoking. For the person that smokes both tobacco and marijuana it could be doubly dangerous.

It is important to point out that marijuana intoxicates. It alters a person's consciousness. It affects the ability of the student to concentrate, recall and record what he or she is studying. Marijuana greatly alters the perceptions and the personality of the user, making classroom learning much more difficult. I tell my students that all the drugs teenagers use, is marijuana that poses the greatest danger by distracting them from their primary job in life as teenagers. That job is to find themselves and their direction in life. They need to prepare themselves for further education, careers, and overall success in life. These are the sources of true life-long pleasure.

As a community, we must focus on prevention. This popular belief amongst students, that tobacco is more dangerous than marijuana, poses an important question. Is tobacco more dangerous than marijuana? First I show them that tobacco and marijuana are really quite different types of drugs. We then discuss which smokes marijuana, the or she becomes intoxicated, something that does not happen when a student smokes or chews tobacco.

The dangers to tobacco are primarily long-term health risks that include lung cancer and emphysema.

of tobacco use than we are with marijuana. Yes, tobacco is very unhealthy, but for sure. But marijuana is a mind altering hallucinogenic as well.

For now, if you find that your child has begun to experiment with tobacco, alcohol, marijuana or other drugs talk to him or her about it right away. Tell him the truth. If you or your child are addicted to drugs contact Narconon. Narconon is the fifth largest drug rehabilitation program in the world. It is the first drug rehabilitation program to be certified by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (N.C.A.D.D.). For more drug prevention materials contact Friends of Narconon (800) 449-3082.

*(John Duff is a public high school teacher in the Elba Country Club and is a member of the Elba Country Club)*

**ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT**

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 14, 2000 through August 20, 2000.

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# CHURCH

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Services for August 27

Elba Church of God will hold Homecoming Services on Sunday, Aug. 27, with former pastor Harvey Kyles as the guest speaker. "Four Fold Quartet" from Tennessee will be singing, and a fried fish lunch will be enjoyed at 12:30 p.m., and guest singers will perform at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**The Mashburns to be guests at Mt. Vernon Assembly of God**

The Mashburns of Oenville, Ala. will sing during the 11 a.m. Worship Service at Mount Vernon Assembly of God Church on Sunday, Aug. 27. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Gospel Singing planned for Saturday evening at Living Word Ministry**

Living Word Ministry located at 127 Main Street, Brundidge will be having a Gospel Singing, Saturday, August 26 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Living Proof from Ino will be the featured guest group. For more information call 393-2610.

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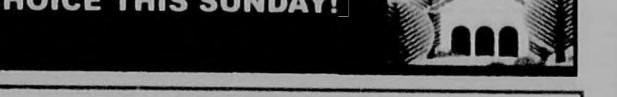
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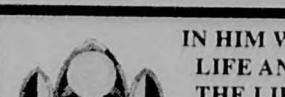
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Sam Totten, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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Darryl Caldwell, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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Wed. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**

Robert Smith, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH**

Ben Bennett Abbott, Pastor

Chapel Service 9:30 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

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1st & 3rd Sundays

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**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

Chad Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 12:00 noon

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays

**DANIELS BAPTIST CHURCH**

Randy Franklin, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**

Mark Sherrill, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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**Appreciation Services planned at Collins Chapel**

Appreciation Services will be held for Presiding Elder J.F. McCloud at Collins Chapel A.M.E. Church on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 10 a.m. Rev. McCloud is the Presiding Elder of the Ozark District A.M.E. Churches in the Winegate.

Rev. Freddie L. Flowers, pastor of Shady Grove A.M.E. Church of Elba, will deliver the morning message. This final district meeting for Conference Year 1999-2000 will also include reports from pastors of the District's 21 churches. The public is invited to attend.

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Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17

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\*\*\*Annual Missionary Rally of the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church of Elba will be Sunday, Aug. 27.

\*\*\*Annual Homecoming of the Beulah Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Banks, Ala. was celebrated Sunday, Aug. 20, at 2:30 p.m. The guest minister was Rev. A.P. Williams, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church of the Tarentum Community and Rocky Head Baptist Church of Elba. The combined choirs of Rocky Head and Shiloh rendered music. Members from both churches attended this homecoming.

\*\*\*The Annual Revival of Beulah Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Banks began Monday, Aug. 21, and will continue through Friday, Aug. 25, at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The Guest evangelist is Rev. Eugene Leonard Sr., pastor of Good Shepherd Full Gospel Baptist Church of Dothan.

\*\*\*100th Anniversary Program of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Elba will be Sunday, Sept. 3 at 2:30 p.m. The Word of God will be brought by Rev. J.E. Jones, First Baptist Church of Shorter, Ala.

Catherlyn Tonette Carpenter celebrated her 25th birthday on Tuesday, Aug. 15. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Carpenter of Elba. She is a member of Rocky Head MB Church, a member of the MMBD Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Union and an employee of Wee Care Day Care Center of Elba. She is a 1995 graduate of Elba High School.

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Psalm 103:1

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Ray

Catherlyn T Carpenter

Happy Birthday - Catherlyn Tonette Carpenter of Elba

Carlton and Hazel Ray of Elba will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Friday, Aug. 25.

The Rays' have been lifelong residents of Elba. Mrs. Ray was born in Elba and began working at a local drug store at the age of 14. She was admitted as a resident of the Elba Nursing Home on June 9, 2000. Mr. Ray was born in the Danley's Crossroads Community. He spent three years in the Army during World War II and worked for the Veterans Adminis-

# LIFESTYLES

**Foley Reunion is planned for Saturday, August 26th**

The annual Foley Reunion will be Saturday, Aug. 26, at Rob and Lucille Foley's Pond off Coffee County Road 377. We will start serving lunch at 11:30.

Bring covered dishes and tea. Plates, forks, cups and ice will be furnished, come early to allow time to visit.

**New date set for annual Lee Reunion**

The annual Lee Reunion has been changed from the 1st Sunday in September to the 2nd Sunday in October. The Reunion will be held at the Elba Masonic Lodge, Sunday, October 8, 2000.

Carlton and Hazel Ray of Elba will reside at the family residence in Elba.

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# SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**When we went school shopping recently for Melanie, we had a big problem finding shirts that were long enough and tops that would cover our sons' school colors. The sleeves and tops that don't have that requires shorts to reach close to the knees and tops that don't have thin shoulder straps, such as tank tops, and many other shirts. By the time school starts most stores have fall clothes on the racks, which aren't needed until November or December here in South Alabama, and the only shorts to be found are on the sales racks, and if you can find some the kids will wear, they are usually too short. As the father of two girls, I understand the school's need for a dress code. However, it is sure hard to satisfy both your daughter and the principal when it comes to clothes!**

### NEW REGIONS MAKE SCHEDULES INTERESTING FOR FANS

**When the Alabama High School Athletic Association changed its football alignments from areas to regions, it made it easier for many schools to find games, and at the same time made it fun for the fans to check out the new regions and plot out on the map just where their favorite teams would have to travel. The schedules of the teams in our area are included on the sports pages this week, and while the region games are noted, I thought I would take this chance to throw in my two cents worth.**

**ELBA TIGERS** - The Tigers were in the easiest area in the state for the past two years along with Clayton and Slocomb, and this year may very well be in the easiest region in the state since four of its opponents combined for a 7-33 record last season, and the fifth opponent didn't even play varsity football. The Tigers certainly won't be the favorite after going 3-7 in '99, but have to believe they should at least make the playoffs, and possibly even win the region.

**BRAUNTY BRONCOS** - The Bulldogs have been one of the state's top 1A teams for many years and seem to really care what is in the region. However, this year the Bulldogs region will include both Flora and G.W. Long, two teams that Brantley met in the playoffs last season, and you know both of those teams have the games against the Bulldogs circled. Brantley should survive without many problems in its region and has to be a prohibitive favorite, but it could be more interesting than many think.

**NEW BROCKTON** - The Gamecocks won their area the past two years without any problems, but that certainly won't be the case this season under the new region set-up. There are a total of eight teams in Region 2 along with New Brockton, and these region opponents include Cottonwood, Geneva County, Houston County and Wicksburg. While the Gamecocks did well last competitive season, they will have to play exceptionally well again this season, they will have to play the playoffs.

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**THE PRESSBOX**

### Schedule includes five region opponents

## Elba Tigers prepare for 2000 football season

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While the year 2000 ushered in a new millennium all across the world, it also ushered in a new age in Elba Tiger football with no less than seven new regular season opponents included on the Tigers' 2000 schedule.

The Tigers will give their fans a sneak preview of things to come on Thursday, Aug. 31, when they open the season against the (2A) Samson Tigers. Elba split with Straughn the first two years, the two schools met with the visiting team winning both times. Straughn, 5-6 a year ago, has been hurt by player defections to surrounding schools, but is expected to field a very competitive 2A club.

The Tigers will remain at home on Sept. 8 when they renew their rivalry with the (2A) Samson Tigers. Elba played Samson two years ago in a spring game, but hasn't played the team from Geneva County for over a decade. Samson struggled to a 3-7 record last season, but should be fired up about the chance to knock off their 3A hosts.

Elba will close out its three-game home stand on Sept. 15 when it hosts the (3A) Luverne Tigers. The Elba-Luverne game has long been a heated rivalry, which last season reached its ugly climax with the game being stopped after a fight. Luverne, 2-9 last season, isn't expected to field out of its stronger side this year, but there is no doubt this Tiger fight will be as heated as ever.

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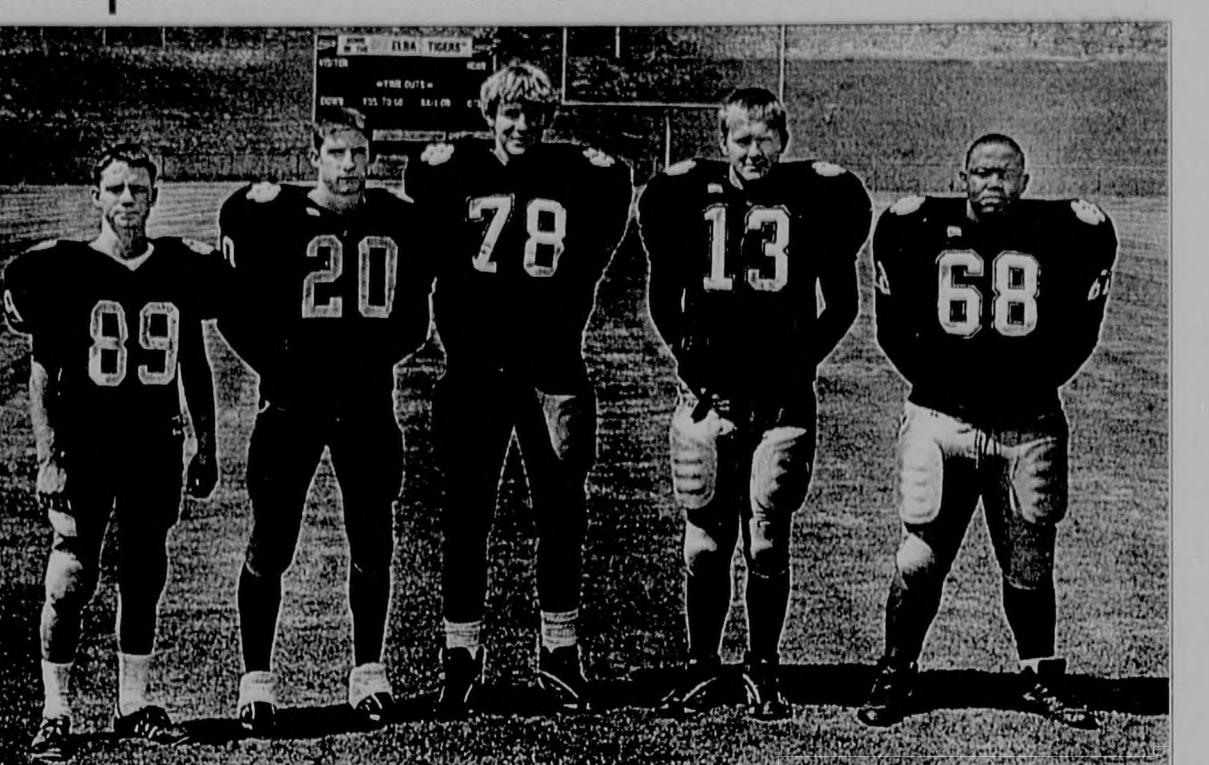
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2000 ELBA TIGER SENIORS....(l-r) Chris Turner, Alan Head, Carson Waters, Brandon Salter and Brian Brunson.

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Oct. 13										
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Oct. 27										
Nov. 3										

(\* Designates Region Game)

beaches on Oct. 27 when they make the 3A playoffs last season in the opening four hour trip to Gulf Shores to tangle with the (3A) Gulf Shores.

The Tigers have made many long road trips for the region games, and this year will be no exception. This year will be an 8-5 mark and is expected to be even better this year as it compares in the 3A playoffs.

The Tigers will open the season on Sept. 1 when they host the (4A) Trinity Wildcats, of Montgomery. The Tigers will have their hands full with this batch of Eagles.

The Tigers will pack their bags for a long road trip on Oct. 20 when they head to Chatom to do battle with the (3A) Washington County Bulldogs. Elba upset Washington County in its first round of the 3A playoffs back in '98, and you know both of those teams have the games against the Bulldogs circled. The Tigers will be at home and will try to do that again at making the playoffs.

The Tigers will look forward to the Sept. 29 when they make the long trip to (3A) Flomaton to tangle with the Flomaton Hurricanes. The Tigers defeated Flomaton in the 3A playoffs years ago during the Mack Wood years at Elba, but the two teams have not met since despite being two long time 3A powers.

The Tigers will close out the season on Nov. 3 when they host the (4A) Trinity Wildcats, of Montgomery. Elba was knocked out of the playoffs.

### Elba fall fast-pitch softball league to include weekly clinics

Registration is now underway in Elba for a fall fast-pitch softball league for girls ages 8-18.

The league schedule will include one night a week of instruction from coaches and players from Troy State University, and one night a week of games against the (2A) Luverne Flying Squadron.

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has plans to change from slow-pitch softball to fast-pitch softball for the 2001 season.

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